For Whater of RICHARD R. LYMAN SALT LAKE CITY September 16, 1954 Chairman Joseph Jensen. MWD Board of Directors. Los Angeles, California My Dear Mr. Chairman: I note with keenest interest that the officials of the Metropolitan District of Southern California and other Civic and Water Officials of that Great Southland are to pay a much deserved tribute to W. P. Whitsett September 23rd at a luncheon. And that in recognition of his efficient, optomistic and enthusiastic leadership in the early days of the District its Intake Plant is to be named in his honor. It makes my heart glad to hear this good news. Please accept my congratulations on your good judgment and convey to Mr. Whitsett my every good wish. Very truly yours. RRL/r Consulting Civil Engine



Box 5934 L.a. Sept. 24 WILT Deandoe: Twout to thank you for moluding me in the meeting to pay such a deserved tubute Lome. whiteett. It was a fureresquition by the Board of Duestons of tus years of valuable service to the Dusteret. It was also excellent public relations. Kurdest, regards Very tuly yours Egrap. Rider



October 1, 1954 Mr. Ezra P. Rider P. O. Box 5934 Terminal Annex Los Angeles, California Dear Ezra: Thank you for your note commenting on the luncheon meeting for the dedication and naming of the Intake Pumping Plant in honor of Mr. Whitsett. We have had a number of complimentary responses such as yours. I was particularly pleased to receive your expression, and was glad that you were able to be there. Yours truly, Joseph Jensen Chairman

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Dear Bob:-

Yesterday in the meeting of Insurance Company Executives with Mr. Whitsett I heard you ask Mr. Whitsett "Why should anyone prefer to live in the San Fernando Valley?"

Here is why one man does:

I have a 50 foot city lot about 2 blocks from the office where the above meeting was held.

From that place I can and do pick some kind of fruit or flower every day in the year.

Being sheltered by trees I sleep as quietly as though deep in the country.

I draw pure mountain water from my tap under pressure that will throw it over my house from a garden hose and which, including all of my trees and flowers costs me an average of only about \$3.00 per month.

I am wakened every morning by the songs of canaries in a cage built in a tree under my bed room window where those birds have been happy and healthy all year round for 10 years.

With these "country" pleasures I have every "city" convenience of lights, water, gas, telephone, sewer and garbage disposal and the like.

In 20 minutes I can be at the Hollywood Bowl.

In about 30 minutes I can be at almost any Hollywood entertainment I wish to see or hear.

In about 1 hour I can be at the Ocean. (Too old to swim but not too old to look at the gals).

In about $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours I can be at almost any down-town entertainment I wish to see or hear.

In 6 or 7 hours, over a week-end, I can be camped near perpetual snow surrounded by magnificent Alpine scenery.

I can buy everything I want or need in Van Nuys at City prices.

I do not know what smog is-never saw it or experienced it-we do not have it in the Valley.

Many City, County and State branch offices and Internal Revenue branch offices are located within a few minutes for my service.

I prefer to live in the San Fernando Valley because here I can and do enjoy God's sunshine, God's fresh air and His fruits and flowers every day in the year with all city conveniences, educational and entertainment features thrown in.

Come on ta my house. I geeva you feegs, tree kinda grape, guavas, oranges, flowers.

Come on ta my house. I gotta everyting!

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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON

October 1, 1953

Van Nuys Knights of Columbus % Congressman Joseph Holt 6304 Van Nuys Boulevard Van Nuys, California

Dear Friends:

It is a real pleasure to join in the celebration commemorating the Fiftieth Golden Anniversary of progress in the San Fernando Valley.

Let me take this opportunity to extend greetings and best wishes to the public officials and civic leaders gathered at the first Van Nuys Civic Night Dinner October 22. You all can be proud of the development of your community and the valley and I know under your farsighted guidance, progress will continue at an even greater rate for the next fifty years.

Sincerely yours

Richard Nixon

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THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 306 WEST THIRD STREET LOS ANGELES 13, CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS October 20, 1953 JOSEPH JENSEN CHAIRMAN WARREN W. BUTLER, VICE CHAIRMAN FRED A. HEILBRON, SECRETARY Mr. Norbert B. Moffatt 6378 Van Nuys Boulevard Van Nuys, California Dear Mr. Moffatt: This letter is addressed to you in your capacity as chairman of the committee commemorating fifty years of progress and growth in San Fernando Valley and, in that connection, honoring two great, pioneering leaders of thought and action, William P. Whitsett and Walter Mendenhall. The concerted community participation, the leadership, and the personalities involved should make the occasion an outstanding success and one long to be remembered in the annals of the Valley. I would certainly enjoy being present. It so happens

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During the eighteen years that saw the Aqueduct construction completed and its efficient operation thoroughly established, he devoted himself almost exclusively to this undertaking without any reward or compensation other than the inner satisfaction deriving from a monumental task well done in the public interest.

He voluntarily retired as the chairman of the Board of Directors and a director in 1947 to devote himself to his much neglected personal affairs. His great contributions to the economic life of Van Nuys, which he loves and in which he enjoys so much pride, are too well known by his fellow citizens to justify any comment from me.

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THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 306 WEST THIRD STREET LOS ANGELES 13, CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF December 23, 1955 BOARD OF DIRECTORS JOSEPH JENSEN, CHAIRMAN WARREN W. BUTLER, VICE CHAIRMAN FRED A. HEILBRON, SECRETARY Mr. James G. Moran Secretary-Manager Van Nuys Chamber of Commerce 6410 Van Nuys Boulevard Van Nuys, California Dear Mr. Moran: I regret exceedingly that circumstances will prevent my attending the luncheon honoring Paul Whitsett on his eightieth birthday. You can be assured my thoughts and best wishes are with you on this worthy occasion. I would appreciate your conveying to Mr. Whitsett and to those assembled at the luncheon in his honor my regrets at not being able to attend and participate in acknowledging the great public service he has rendered to the people of Southern California. His achievements in founding and developing the community of Van Nuys are especially well known to those of you who live here in the Valley. More particularly, I have in mind the service he gave to the larger community comprising The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, extending from the Mexican border to this great Valley and from the ocean to Mount San Jacinto, relative to the building of the Colorado River Aqueduct and the importing of the abundant water supply from that source, without which our existing population and industry could not begin to be maintained, let alone expand and grow. For many years Mr. Whitsett and I were associated on the Board of Directors of the District. He was Chairman for the first seventeen years of its existence and I am his current successor. It was his vision, devotion, energy and enthusiasm that guided the District through the many problems involved in the inception, organization and successful completion of this unprecedented aqueduct system.

JGM-2 We have named in his honor as a permanent memorial of the great work he unselfishly and without compensation performed for this land of Southern California he loves so well the great pumping plant that takes the water out of the Colorado River and starts it on its way across the entire width of the State through mountains and deserts. I regret that I shall not be able personally to address these thoughts to Mr. Whitsett. On behalf of the Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California best wishes are extended to him for continued good health and an abundance of comfort and happiness in the years of well earned rest to come. Very truly yours, Joseph Jensen, Chairman

January 8, 1954 Board of Directors Metropolitan Water District of Southern California 306 W. 3rd Street Los Angeles 13, California Attention: Mr. A. L. Gram, Secretary Gentlemen: It was our privilege recently to assist in a program set up to honor Mr. W. P. Whitsett a long time member of your organization, for the important part played by him in connection with the building, financing and ultimate operation of the Colorado River Aqueduct. We are enclosing newspaper clippings reporting this program which included the establishment, locally, of "W. P. Whitsett Day", Saturday, January 2nd, and the presentation of an appropriate, hand-lettered parchment citation, outlining the important part taken by him in the Colorado River project. We thought you would have a direct and personal interest in this matter. Sincerely yours, JGM/ej James G. Moran. encl. Secretary-Manager

Copy to W. P. Whitsett January 29, 1954 Van Nuys Chamber of Commerce 6410 Van Nuys Boulevard Van Nuys, California Attention: James G. Moran, Secretary-Manager Gentlemen: On behalf of the Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, I am acknowledging your letter of January 8, 1954, reporting the honoring of W. P. Whitsett by designating Saturday, January 2, 1954, in his honor and by the presentation to him of a parchment citation in recognition of his inestimably great personal contribution to the conception, construction, and completion of the Colorado River Aqueduct. Your thoughtful and fitting action was an appropriate concluding event in the observance of Colorado River Aqueduct Week in your community. We, the former colleagues and associates of Mr. Whitsett on the Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, rejoice in and applaud your recognition of the many years he tirelessly devoted to providing the entire community of Southern California with an adequate supply of water from the Colorado River. A large percentage of our neighbors and friends are recent arrivals, having little realization or appreciation of the origin and history of the great public enterprises and institutions which have made possible this civilization we are privileged to enjoy in a desert environment. By your appropriate and worthy efforts, with the support of the well-informed newspapers, many of our citizens are made aware of the contributions which Mr. Whitsett made in their behalf through his unselfish service without compensation as a director and as the chairman of the Board of Directors of this District for the historic first eighteen years of its existence. Yours truly. BOARD OF BIRECTORS THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA cush man

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

September 23,1954

Mr. Joseph Jensen, Chairman, Board of Directors, THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT, 306 West Third Street, Los Angeles 13, California.

Dear Mr. Jensen:

May I thank you for the privilege of witnessing the honor bestowed on a truly great man, Mr. William Paul Whitsett.

We should all be for ever grateful for his vision and untiring effort to provide this area with health giving water, not only for so often unthinking receiver but for our animals and beautiful gardens and productive fields.

I enjoyed the beauty of the setting, the lovely ceilings and walls so artistically colored not to mention the delicious luncheon-chops being my favorite meat, and all the delicious food that accompanied them.

I am a sincere believer in the generosity, honesty and service of the company in their effort to cahnge a desert into an area of beauty and productivity.

Thank you again for the joy you gave me.

Sincerely, Lydia H. Burk Mrs. Wm. A. Burk

only October 1, 1954 Mrs. William A. Burk, President Southern California Motion Picture Council, Incorporated 357 North Canon Drive Beverly Hills, California Dear Mrs. Burk: It was very gracious of you to give me your reactions to the luncheon honoring the former Director and Chairman of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Mr. W. P. Whitsett. It is only human nature to enjoy compliments and yours certainly are no exception. We are pleased that you could be among the civic leaders who were present. Yours truly, Joseph Jensen Chairman

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AND CHIEF ENGINEER OF GEORGE C. SOPP JOINT SYSTEM HEAD AND ASSISTANT MANAGER R AND P FRANK TWOHY Y OF LOS ANGELES 207 SO. BROADWAY BOX 3669 TERMINAL ANNEX LOS ANGELES, 54 MICHIGAN 4211 September 24 - 1954 Mr Joseph Jensen Chairman of the Board The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California 306 West Third Street LOS ANGELES 13 California Dear Joe: Just a word to express my appreciation of the opportunity of attending the very splendid event honoring William Paul Whitsett by dedication of the Whitsett Intake Pumping Plant of the Colorado River Aqueduct in his honor. It seemed everyone who has had a prominent part in water matters was present to do honor to Mr. Whitsett. Your own part and that of the other speakers were splendidly done. My congratulations! Sincerely, Laur SBM SAMUEL B MORRIS CRM General Manager & Chief Engineer

October 1, 1954 Mr. Samuel B. Morris, General Manager and Chief Engineer Department of Water and Power Box 3669 Terminal Annex Los Angeles 54, California Dear Sam: Thank you very much for your laudatory expression in regard to the ceremonies for the dedication and naming of the Intake Pumping Plant in honor of Paul Whitsett, particularly with regard to the pleasant functions and duties allotted to me. As you say it was an outstanding occasion, and I feel certain from the many reactions I have heard that it reminded a great many of our civic leaders of the great need for adequate water supply in this area, and the tre-mendous problems which have had to be solved in providing it. Again, I thank you for your comments. Yours truly, Joseph Jensen Chairman

Los Angeles City Board of Education Maurice G. Blair Associate Superintendent Administrative Offices Superintendent of Schools Division of Instructional Services 450 North Grand Avenue Los Angeles 12, California Grace M. Dreier Assistant Superintendent September 24, 1954 Mr. Joseph Jensen Chairman, Board of Directors The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Los Angeles, California Dear Mr. Jensen: I want you to know how very much I enjoyed the Whitsett luncheon yesterday at the Biltmore Hotel. Most significant to me was the fact that this was an occasion to honor and recognize the public service of a citizen during his lifetime. It was indeed inspirational. Again, my sincere thanks for your kind invitation. Very sincerely, Grace M. Dreier Assistant Superintendent GMD: cmd

October 1, 1954 Mrs. Grace M. Dreier Assistant Superintendent Los Angeles City Board of Education 450 North Grand Avenue Los Angeles 12, California Dear Mrs. Dreier: Thank you very much for your letter commenting on the luncheon and ceremonies honoring Mr. Whitsett. I heartily agree with your thought that the occasion was particularly significant in that it honored a man for his great public service while he was still living. We certainly are pleased that you were able to attend. Yours truly, Joseph Jensen Chairman

W. I. HOLLINGSWORTH & COMPANY Los Angeles 14, California B. O. MILLER CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD September 25th, 1954. Mr. Joseph Jensen, Chairman Board of Directors, Metropolitan Water District, Los Angeles, California. Dear Mr. Jensen: May I thank you for the privilege of attending the luncheon last Thursday in honor of Mr. Whitsett. It was a very happy occasion - the type I particularly enjoy attending -and I am sure Mr. Whitsett must have been greatly pleased to have his fellow townsmen and associates pay him such a high and richly merited tribute. You presided over the meeting in your usual able and graceful style and contributed to making it a most successful event. I heard many most favorable comments from those in attendance. With kindest regards, I remain,

October 1, 1954 Mr. B. O. Miller Chairman of the Board W. I. Hollingsworth & Company 606 South Hill Street Los Angeles, California Dear Mr. Miller: Thank you for your letter commenting on the ceremonies in connection with the naming of the Intake Pumping Plant in honor of Mr. Whitsett. Naturally, I enjoyed the nice things you had to say about my part in the program. I agree with you that the occasion turned out very nicely and Mr. Whitsett was paid a tribute which he very highly deserved. Incidentally, I might mention in this connection that our task here at the District would have been much more difficult if it had not been for men like yourself who stood behind the program and inspired the confidence of the uninformed general public. Yours truly, Joseph Jensen Chairman



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Mr Joseph Jensen Chairman

Board Of Directors

Sept.26 1954

Mr Joseph Jensen;

Dear Sir:

May I thank you so very much; for the delightful luncheon at the Biltmore Hotel; Honoring such a fine man as Mr Whitsett.

It was a pleasure I will long remember.

Thank you again and the very best wishes to you and your family.

David L. Wilkes

Yours truly

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October 1, 1954 Mr. David L. Wilkes 2910 West Florence Avenue Los Angeles 43, California Dear Mr. Wilkes: I very much appreciate receiving your note commenting on and expressing your pleasure at being able to attend the ceremonies in connection with the naming of the Pumping Plant in honor of Mr. W. P. Whitsett. We are pleased that you could attend. Yours truly, Joseph Jensen Chairman

CHAMBERS OF The Superior Court LOS ANGELES 12, CALIFORNIA MILDRED L. LILLIE, JUDGE September 27, 1954 Mr. Joseph Jensen, Chairman Board of Directors Metropolitan Water District of Southern California 306 West 3rd Street Los Angeles 13, California Dear Mr. Jensen: Upon my return from a month's vacation I received your kind invitation to attend a luncheon on September 23, 1954, at the Biltmore Hotel in honor of William Paul Whitsett. I regret very much that I was not in town and able to join with others in honoring Mr. Whitsett. With this acknowledgment go my very best wishes for your continued success. Sincerely yours, MLL: gm Judge

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October 1, 1954 The Honorable Mildred L. Lillie Judge of The Superior Court Department 41 Hall of Justice Los Angeles 12, California Dear Judge Lillie: Thank you for the good wishes conveyed by your letter of September 27. I am sorry your absence from the city caused you to miss the luncheon meeting honoring Mr. Whitsett and naming the Intake Pumping Plant in his honor. As one well informed as to the importance of water to Southern California, I think you would have especially enjoyed being present. Yours truly, Joseph Jensen Chairman

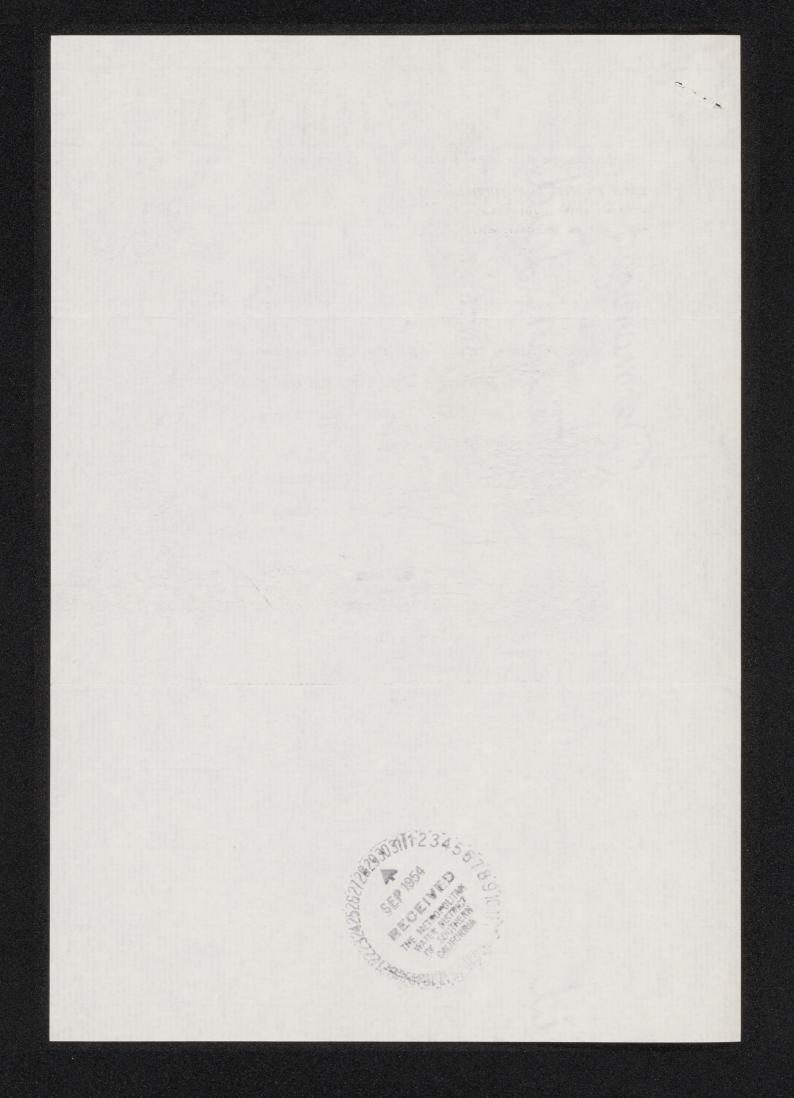
HOLLYWOOD STATE BANK 6801 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD HOLLYWOOD 38, CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF PRESIDENT September 27, 1954 Dear Mr. Jensen: Your presiding at Mr. Whitsett's luncheon was superlative. Every detail was in such good taste; the timing was perfect and you held your audience throughout. It was another achievement for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, as well as for your President and Board of Directors. I was delighted to meet your charming wife. With kindest personal regards, I remain Mr. Joseph Jensen, Chairman Board of Directors The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California 306 West Third Street Los Angeles 13, California

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October 1, 1954 Mrs. Leiland Atherton Irish c/o Hollywood State Bank 6801 Santa Monica Boulevard Hollywood 38, California Dear Mrs. Irish: I very much appreciate your comments with regard to the luncheon honoring Mr. Whitsett, particularly your expert observations as to the manner in which the affair was conducted and the program presented. Many very fine expressions such as yours have been received. However, none of them could possibly have been from one who has been a more staunch supporter of the District and helpful in carrying out its imperative functions. Yours truly, Joseph Jensen Chairman

CHARM The Magazine for Women Who Work . 575 MADISON AVENUE . NEW YORK 22 REPLY TO WEST COAST OFFICE: September 28, 1954 1250 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD LOS ANGELES 17, CALIFORNIA Dear Mr. Jensen: Thank you so much for including me at your September 23rd luncheon honoring Mr. Whitsett. It was a most informative and inspiring event. Sincerely, CHARM Western Editor Mr. Joseph Jensen, Chairman Board of Directors Metropolitan Water District of Southern California 306 West Third Street Los Angeles 13, California ML.tt



October 1, 1954 Miss Marjorie Lenz Western Editor Charm Magazine 1250 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles 17, California Dear Miss Lenz: I appreciate receiving your letter of September 28 commenting upon the luncheon honoring Mr. Whitsett and I am particularly pleased that you found it informative and inspiring. Yours truly, Joseph Jensen Chairman

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2030 South Hull Street, Montgomery 6 Alabama, October 4,1954.

Dear friends:

Clarence Gustlin wrote me and enclosed clippings from the Los Angeles TIMES of Sept.20 and 24, giving us the news about the latest honors bestowed upon our dear Paul Whitsett!

How we wish we could have been present on this recent occasion to see Paul receive this distinguished recognition of his rich service to the Los Angeles district! We are proud and happy for him, and I'll wager that you, Ida, "just couldn't hardly "while that intake pumping plant on the Colorado River was being named WHITSETT!

We were interested in receiving your card of August 24 which told of your trip to New York, Washington, Williamsburg. Elizabeth and I start on a trip on the 13th of this month: two days in Atlanta, to see the new baby boy who arrived at the home of Addison Smith, Virginia's nephew, then to Knoxville, where we shall visit our old friend, Will Hall, who invited us up for the Alabama-Tennesse game, following which he will motor with us to Roanoke, Richmond, Williamsburg---we'll think of you there!---Chapel Hill, N.C., Asheville and back to Knoxville over the Great Smokies. Hope the foliage will be as beautiful as it was last fall, when we three took a mountain trip together.

The weather here has been terribly warm, with no rain, --- the hottest summer on record! However, we are all well, and Elizabeth joins me in affectionate regards to you dear friends.

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Next time you come east, don't forget that Montgomery holds a warm welcome for you!